

REMARKS

By this Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- Group 1. Claims 1-15 drawn to a nucleotide.
- Group 2. Claims 16-18 and 20-45, drawn to a method of cleaving.
- Group 3. Claims 19 and 61-74, drawn to a method of cleaving.
- Group 4. Claims 46-58, drawn to a method of determining the identity of a nucleotide in a target.
- Group 5. Claim 60, drawn to a method of sequencing.

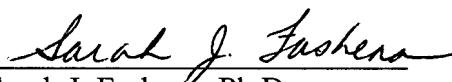
Responsive to the Requirement for restriction, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group 1, without traverse, Claims 1-15, which are drawn to a nucleotide.

The Examiner has also required Applicant to elect a single species of cleavable linker. Accordingly, Applicant elects the cleavable linker which is listed as the first species of claim 1.

No fees are believed to be necessitated by the foregoing Response. However, should this be erroneous, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any underpayment, or credit any overages.

In view of the above, an early action on the merits of the Claims is courteously solicited.

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